

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** - Congressman Jim Costa, D-Fresno, will participate in a joint news conference to discuss bipartisan legislation which will provide emergency disaster assistance related to the recent freeze. The bills will be introduced Wednesday in both the House and Senate.

At the Washington news conference Costa will join Senator Barbara Boxer and Congressman Devin Nunes, R-Tulare, to discuss the legislation. Senator Boxer will introduce the emergency legislation in the Senate and Costa and Nunes will co-sponsor the House bill.

The legislation will provide aid to farmers and workers who were impacted by last month's freeze.

Local print media interested in covering the news conference can do so by phoning in to the toll-free number listed below.

A live satellite feed will also be available for local television stations from the House Recording Studio.

The news conference begins at 11:15 a.m. Pacific Standard Time.

Print and radio media can call:

**1-888-455-9666. The Pass Code is: 38885.**

Television stations can pick up the live feed with the following coordinates:

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93 degrees west, c-band  
Downlink frequency 3880, vertical polarity  
Standard audio follow 6.2/6.8  
11:15 a.m. - 12 noon Pacific Standard Time

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